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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRAVEL WITHIN MOSCOW OBLAST

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1. TWO EMBOFFS RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED HARASSMENT BY GAI, SOVIET VERSION OF HIGHWAY PATROL, WHILE VISITING MOZHAISK, A NEWLY-OPENED TOWN WITHIN MOSCOW OBLAST: GAI OFFICIALS, APPARENTLY UNAWARE THAT MOZHAISK HAD BEEN DECLARED OPEN AREA BY MFA, INSTRUCTED EMBOFFS TO LEAVE CITY. WHEN EMBOFFS STATED THAT MFA HAS DECLARED MOZHAISK OPEN, GAI OFFICIALS DID NOT PRESS THEIR ORDER AND DID NOT REPEAT DIRECT ORDER TO LEAVE CITY, ALTHOUGH THEY GAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPIER IF EMBOFFS LEFT. EMBOFFS COMPLETED TOUR OF CITY AND LEFT WITHOUT INCIDENT. ONE OF THE PARTY NOTICED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CAME UP TO ONE OF THE GAI OFFICERS DURING THE CONFRONTATION AND WHISPERED IN HIS EAR. THIS INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE BEEN A TAIL WHICH HAD FOLLOWED PARTY ENTIRE DAY.

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2. COMMENT: SLOW FLOW OF INFORMATION THROUGH SOVIET BUREAUCRACY, RATHER THAN DELIBERATE PROVOCATION, APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF MOZHAISK TRAVEL PROBLEMS. EMBOFFS ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING EXTREME, IF NOT INSURMOUNTABLE, DIFFICULTY IN GAINING ACCESS TO NEW AREAS ALLEGEDLY OPENED IN JANUARY (REFS A, B). NOW IT APPEARS THAT ONCE THEY

SUCCEED IN GAINING ACCESS TO THESE AREAS, LOCAL IGNORANCE
OF NEW TRAVEL RULES WILL PROVIDE NEW SOURCE OF PROBLEMS
AND HARASSMENT. MATLOCK

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